

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5-51 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled, and claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 29 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 29 can be found, for example, in original claims 1-6 and 29. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action that claims 6-51 contain allowable subject matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider of each of the references cited in the November 16, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement, indicate such consideration on the Form PTO-1449 attached thereto, and return the initialed form to the undersigned.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

A. Matsubara

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1972:4021, XP-002444512 to Matsubara et al. ("Matsubara"). By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot as to that claim. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to delete the compounds of formula [VI], thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by Matsubara. Claims 2,

3 and 5 depend from claim 1 and, thus, also are not anticipated by Matsubara. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

B. JP 845

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1980:75973, XP-002444513 ("JP 845"). By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot as to that claim. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended so that it does not read on the compounds of formulae [Ve] and [Vf], thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by JP 845. Claims 2 and 5 depend from claim 1 and, thus, also are not anticipated by JP 845. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

C. Vil'Chinskaya

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1960:56119, XP-002444517 to Vil'Chinskaya et al. ("Vil'Chinskaya"). By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot as to that claim. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to provide that "when R¹ is a 2-methyl-1-propenyl group, R² is a hydrogen atom, R³ and R⁴ are each a methyl group and m=1, n=0, R⁵ is an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are each a hydrogen atom" (corresponding to formula [Va]) and "when R¹ is a 2-methyl-1-propenyl group, R² is a hydrogen atom, R³ and R⁴ are each a methyl group and m=0, n=1, R⁶ is an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, R⁵, R⁷ and R⁸ are each a hydrogen atom" (corresponding to formula [Vb]), thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by Vil'Chinskaya. Claim

5 depends from claim 1 and, thus, also is not anticipated by Vil'Chinskaya. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

D. Lamotkin

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1996:247660, XP-002444521 to Lamotkin et al. ("Lamotkin"). By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot as to that claim. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to delete the compounds of formula [VI], thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by Lamotkin. Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and, thus, also is not anticipated by Lamotkin. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

E. ES 929

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1986:102591, XP-002444522 ("ES 929"). By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled, rendering the rejection moot as to that claim. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to delete the compounds of formula [VI], thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by ES 929. Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and, thus, also is not anticipated by ES 929. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-3 and 5-51 are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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